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MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 21-year-old Richard Guerrier pled guilty today to the crime of reentering the United States after being deported to his home country of Haiti.

Guerrier, who is also known as Viggins Guerrier and Carlos Guerrier, formerly lived on Ahern Street in Manchester. He was deported from the United States on May 17, 1999. On or about January 15, 2003, he was found in Manchester, New Hampshire by an agent of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On February 5, 2003, Guerrier was indicted by a federal grand jury for illegally reentering the United States after being deported

After accepting Guerrier's guilty plea today, Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro scheduled a sentencing hearing for April 20, 2004. Guerrier is facing a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

In commenting on this case, United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "Effective enforcement of the nation's criminal immigration laws is central to the missions of the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Attorney's Office. This case and many others like it reflect our commitment to the vigilant enforcement of those laws."

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.